

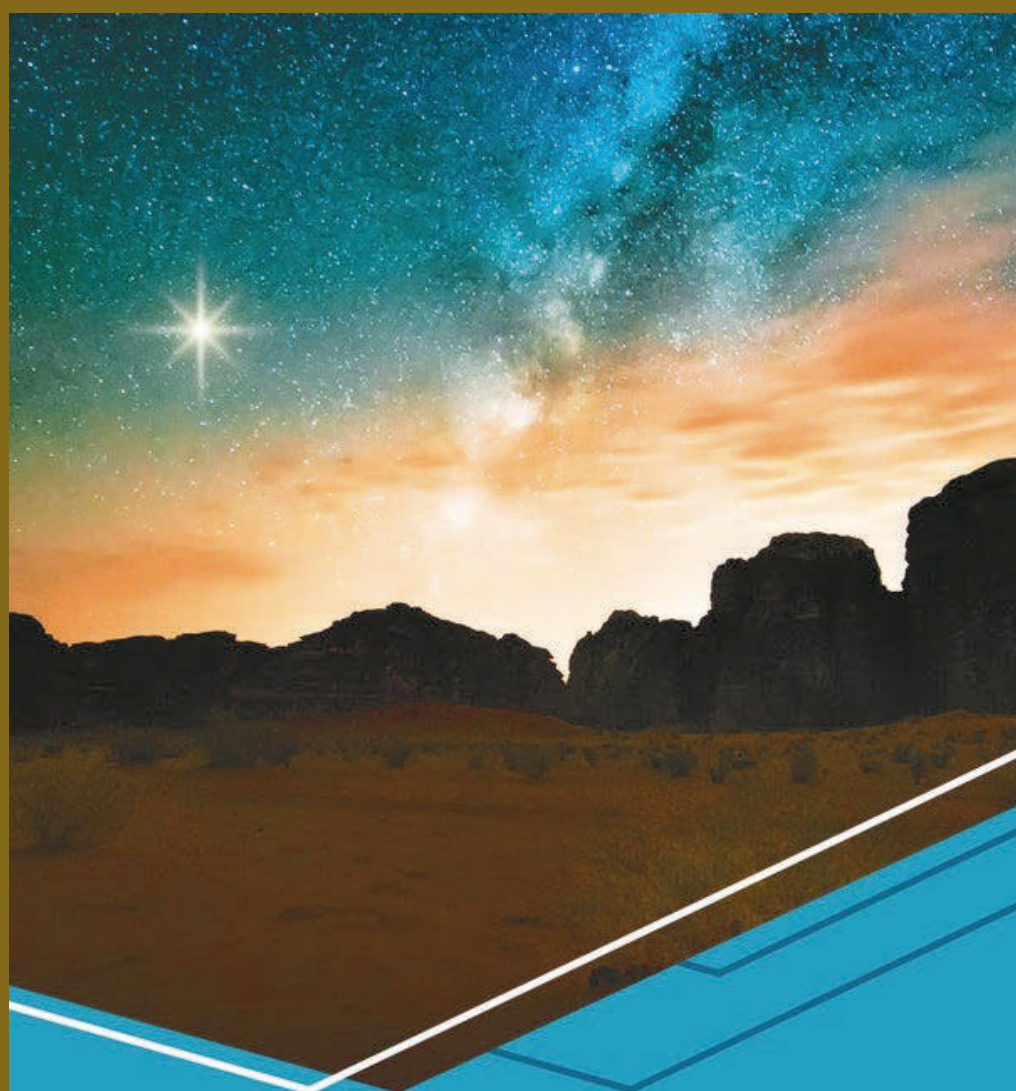
St. John the Baptist

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St. Patrick

## *THE TRI-PARISH BULLETIN*

# *January 2nd 2022*



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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### New Members

Always welcome to our parishes.  
Please call the office to register.

### Baptism

Parents and/or those expecting  
in the near future may request  
Baptism for their child by call-  
ing the office to begin prepara-  
tions.

### Marriage

Please call the parish office at  
least six months prior to the  
anticipated date.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are homebound and wish  
to receive Holy Communion,  
please contact the office.

### Confessions

Saturdays 3 pm to 3:40 pm at  
Kendall or call Fr. John for an  
appointment.





<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>	
9 a.m.	Thornsen & Cassidy families	<b>K</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 5th</b>	
9 a.m.	Ron Ennis	<b>E</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 5th (Elroy Nursing home)</b>	
11 .am.	Thornsen & Cassidy families	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 6th</b>	
8 a.m.	Raymond & Lillian Pisha	<b>K</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 7th FIRST FRIDAY</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>8 A.M.</b>	Thornsen & Cassidy families	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 8th</b>	<b>K</b>
Confessions	<b>3- 3:40 p.m.</b>	
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	All Parishioner of EKW	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 9th</b>	
9:00 am	Dorothy Retzlaff	<b>E</b>
11:00 am	Fr. Trainer	<b>W</b>

*Readings* *Week of the*

**Readings for the week of January 02, 2022**  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

12/12/21	K	E	W
Adults	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 2,016.25	\$ 2,795.00
Children		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Offertory	\$ 142.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 160.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,217.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,106.25</b>	<b>\$ 2,960.94</b>

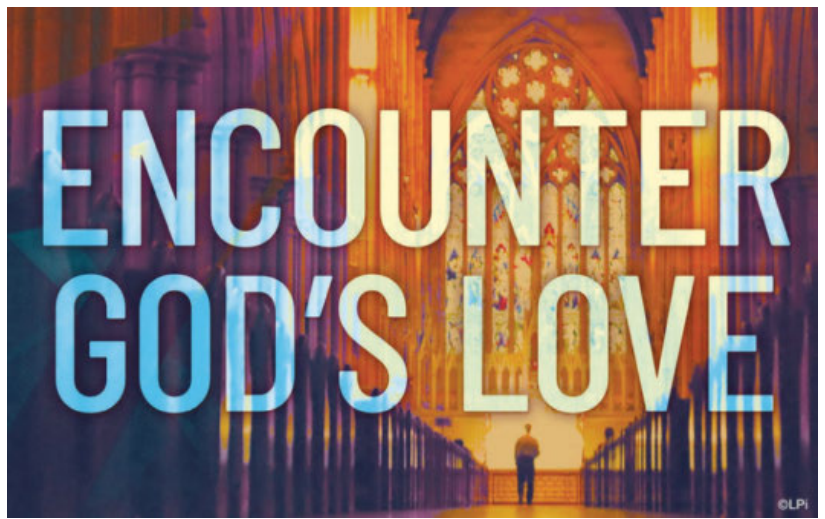
## Reflections on the Gospel

### January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



### Christmas Flowers

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In memory of Garwy Family, Huschka family  
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In memory of Rosemary & Norman Lunde, Phyllis & Lloyd Baltz, Carole & Pete Jayce, Irene & Justin Lunde, Wilhemmena & Fred Jensen



### **ST. JOHN**

Our next PCCW meeting will be at Sherry Doyle's on January 3rd, 6 PM.



**Tri-Parish Prayer List** - We pray for the sick and those who have asked for our prayers, especially ,Randy Steinbrink (Hotdog) Rob Moyer, Ralph Gosselin, Jeannie Klipstein , Gary Von Ruden, Bennett Brock, Deb Pohlman, Micheal Richie Shannah Juliot, David Gorman , Bev Cousineau, Carla Von Haden, Margaret Leis, Patti Vlasak, Ray Schmidt, Jim Lu8nde, Madelyn Novachek, Kay Larson, Don Schreier, Jim Meckstroth, Patty Behan, Avery Brueggen, Katie Wallace, Those serving in the Military and Folks in Nursing Homes. If requesting prayer for someone else, please ask permission first in order to respect their privacy.

**The Light of the Moon** If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver,





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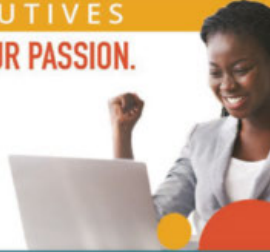
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